Notes:

1. This Statement contains tax revenue figures of 22 States/UTs that have implemented VAT during 2005-06.

2. The Tax Revenue figures are provisional and are subject to revision during AG reconciliation.

3. The Tax Revenue figures are gross figures, including collection from non-VAT item.

4. The Tax Revenue figures from Manipur are not yet available since the State implemented VAT from 1 July, 2005 only. The same will be available from Sept., 2005 onwards.

5. The figures from Meghalaya are not yet available as they have a system of Quarterly Returns. Hence, information will be available in later part of this August, 2005 only.

Island special allowance

2260. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Island special allowance is given to the Central Government employees in Andaman Nicobar Islands as a percentage of basic pay without any maximum limit;

(b) whether the officers/employees of Nationalized Banks are getting the Island special allowance with the maximum limit of Rs. 1500/- per month; and

(c) what are the reasons for this limit in case of banks and by when Government propose to remove it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Officers of Public Sector Banks who are posted from outside to Andaman and Nicobar Islands are paid *ad-hoc* and temporary incentive subject to a maximum of Rs. 1500/- per month.

(c) The pay and allowances of bank employees cannot be compared with that of Government employees. At present there is no proposal to remove the maximum limit of Rs. 1500/- per month.